Technology, Cochin.

19. Vidya Bharati Foundation (Regd.) New Delhi.

20. Academy of Sanskrit Resear, Melkote.

21. Central Electronics Engineering, Research Institute, Delhi.

Maintenance of Kala Taj

6344. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of items from Kala Taj a semi constructed building near Taj have been stolen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government for preservation and maintenance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no monument known as Kala Taj in existence near Taj Mahal, Agra.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not anse.

[*English*]

Montreal Protocol

6346. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:
DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to sign Montreal Protocol;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the advantages which India expects to accrue from the Protocol particularly in the context of the provision for CFC switchover fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Government have decided to join the Montreal Protocol after the amendments to the Protocol adopted at London in June, 1990 come into force.

(b) The Montreal Protocol of September 1987 provides for the phase out of certain ozone-depleting substances, in a given time-frame. It also contains provisions for international cooperation for this purpose. Copies of the Protocol are available in Parliament Library for perusal by Hon'ble Members.

(c) Financial and Technical cooperation including transfer of technology would be available to India from the Multilateral Fund under the amended Protocol, once India joins the Protocol.

Financial Help to Sportspersons

6347. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey with regard to the plight of sportsmen/women who represented States and National in the past has been made;